in the locality which was highly feverish could not be said to be adequate. He requested that a Government dispensary also might be established at Mundakayam.

Reply.—The matter will be considered. I shall inspect the place shortly and after getting an idea of the number of people to be served decide whether a hospital or a grant-in-aid dispensary should be opened in the locality.

PADMANABHAPURAM DIVISION.

TOVALA TALUK.

240. Strengthening the present boundary line of the reserves by the construction of an ashlar wall.

Mr. R. Nambi Iyer (*Tovala*) represented that this was very necessary to prevent the inroads of wild beasts which now caused considerable damage to cultivation in the plains.

Reply.—Government have considered the question. The cost would be prohibitive and the resulting benefit very doubtful.

241. Opening a hospital in the centre of the Tovala taluk.

Mr. R. Nambi Iyer represented that the taluk was a mountainous and feverish one and that the people suffered much for want of a hospital, the one at Nagercoil being 12 miles away.

Reply.—It is not always possible to provide a separate hospital for each taluk. The necessity for a dispensary at Aramboly has been brought to the notice of Government and will receive consideration. Nagercoil is so situated that the hospital there would equally serve Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks.

242. Speedy construction of the Tovala channel.

Mr. R. Nambi Iyer and Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai (*Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore*) requested that this work which was now held in abeyance might be proceeded with and completed as early as possible in the interests of the ryots.

Reply.—This will be commenced as soon as the letting out of

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water along the Left Bank Channel is assured.

243. Opening of a Veterinary Hospital in the Padmanabhapuram Division.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (*Tovala*) brought forward this subject.

Reply.—This has been already answered. *Vide* subject No. 161.

244. Removal of silt from, and strengthening the bank of, the Pazhayar from the 9th to the 11th mile.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai said that this was a matter of urgent necessity.

Reply.—This is receiving consideration. Special works are executed wherever necessary.

AGASTISVARAM TALUK.

245. Introduction of tanning and dyeing classes in the Nagercoil Technical Institute.

Mr. V. Sankaranarayana Iyer B. A., B. L., (*Agastisvaram*) said that the inclusion of tanning and dyeing in the curricula of studies in the institute would be of great practical utility.

Reply.—The officers concerned will be consulted in the matter.

246. Making Tamil the chief and Malayalam the accessory language in all Nanjanad Vernacular schools.

Mr. N. Velayudhaperumal Pillai (*Agastisvaram*) *and Mr. P. Mathevan Pillai* (*Nanjanattar Sabha, Kottar*) urged that Tamil should be made the first and Malayalam the second language in all Vernacular schools, or that at least Tamil schools might be opened with Tamil as principal and Malayalam as accessory language.

Reply.—As already stated, Malayalam is the language of the State. The request to make Tamil the chief language cannot therefore be granted.

247. Shifting the Odai fence of the Forest Department to the eastern frontier.

Mr. P. Nellayandar Pillai (*Agastisvaram*) represented that the shifting of the Odai fence now skirting the Travancore side of the old fort lines from near Kadukkara to Vattakottai to the actual frontier lying further east would facilitate the access of the villagers now

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